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Applicants: Hiroyuki HOSHIYA et al.

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For: SPIN-VALVE HEAD CONTAINING CLOSED-FLUX-STRUCTURE
DOMAIN CONTROL FILMS

Group: 2653

Examiner: Christopher R. Beacham

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 3) dated on October 8, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.